

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on August 4, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6 to correct minor informalities found during review of the application. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice and waiver. Claims 1 and 4-6 are now pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the final Office Action that claims 1 and 4-6 are allowable.

Claim 7 is objected to because of the informalities. Since claim 7 has been canceled herein, it is respectfully submitted the objection is moot.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ferianz (US 2002/0070770 A1). In view of the cancellation of claim 7 herein, it is respectfully submitted the rejection is moot.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 4-6 are patentable and that this application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116 is appropriate, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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